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FOR: IOP/M, INA, STATE NEA/PAB

E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJ: REQUEST POLICY GUIDANCE MATERIAL TO OFFSET MEDIA

ALLEGATIONS U.S. INVOLVED IN ASPHYXIATION BOMBING

REF: UNCLAS ISLAMABAD 3692

1. MAJOR PAKISTANI NEWSPAPERS, IN UNUSUALLY QUICK
ADVERSE EDITORIAL CRITICISM OF ALLEGED USE BY SAIGON
OF ASPHYXIATION BOMBS, LINKED US AS SUPPLIER OF
WEAPONS AND AIRCRAFT USED FOR DROPS. DETAILS FILED
IN MEDIA REACTION REPORT.

2. POST BELIEVES PRESS WILL CONTINUE CRITICAL WRITINGS,
NEEDS SOONEST POLICY GUIDANCE MATERIAL TO PLAY STORY
IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE, DISCOURAGE FURTHER CRITICISM.

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3. REQUEST DETAILED EXPLANATION ON FOLLOWING LINES:

A. ORIGINAL PURPOSE, INTENDED USE OF BOMBS,
INCLUDING FOLIAGE CLEARANCE FOR COPTER LANDINGS,
ELIMINATION MINES, BOOBY TRAPS.

B. US ADHERENCE TO GENEVA CONVENTION ON
BIOLOGICAL WARFARE; NON USE OF BOMB AS OFFENSIVE
WEAPON DURING VIETNAM WAR; NON APPROVAL OF USE BY
OTHER NATIONS.

C. US NON CONCURRENCE, NON PERMISSION FOR USE
OF BOMB; ANY SAIGON ACTION TAKEN UNILATERALLY.

D. US INTENTION NOT TO REPLACE OLD STOCKS, WHICH
MUST BE IN LIMITED AMOUNTS.
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